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FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H. *JEF*
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SUBJECT: **WORLD AIDS DAY 2008**

Over the past decade, the Department of Public Health's Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP) has observed World AIDS Day with a commemoration breakfast and remembrance in downtown Los Angeles. This year, while the Department will join the rest of the globe to observe World AIDS Day on December 1, 2008, we will do so without hosting a breakfast and associated remembrance ceremony.

This decision has been made after significant thought and deliberation and was influenced by several factors, including the fact that on this day multiple County elected officials will be sworn into office.

In place of the commemoration breakfast, Public Health staff will join our community HIV/AIDS partners throughout the day as they host World AIDS Day events throughout Los Angeles County. In addition, OAPP will continue its community-wide awareness activities through print and other media during the week leading up to, including, and shortly after World AIDS Day.

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude for your ongoing commitment to raise HIV/AIDS awareness in Los Angeles County on December 1, 2008, and throughout the year.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer
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